



**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

**Board of Public Utilities**

*Two Gateway Center  
Newark, NJ 07102*

CABLE TELEVISION

IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF )  
COMCAST CABLEVISION OF SOUTH )  
JERSEY, INC. FOR A RENEWAL )  
CERTIFICATE OF APPROVAL TO CONTINUE )  
TO OPERATE AND MAINTAIN A CABLE )  
TELEVISION SYSTEM IN AND FOR THE )  
TOWNSHIP OF MANNINGTON, COUNTY OF )  
SALEM, STATE OF NEW JERSEY )

RENEWAL  
CERTIFICATE OF APPROVAL

DOCKET NO. CE01050307

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Township Clerk, Township of Mannington, New Jersey, by Mary D. Hancock, for the Township.

**BY THE BOARD:**

On August 6, 1990, the Board granted South Jersey Cablevision Limited Partnership ("South Jersey") a Certificate of Approval in Docket No. CE89060544, for the construction, operation and maintenance of a cable television system in the Township of Mannington ("Township"). On March 31, 1993, the Board approved the transfer of the Certificate from South Jersey to South Jersey Cablevision Associates ("SJCA") in Docket No. CM92101022. On May 20, 1996, in Docket No. CM95050238, the Board approved the transfer of the Certificate from SJCA to Lenfest South Jersey Investments, Inc. ("LSJI"). On May 20, 1996, in Docket No. CM95120611, the Board approved the merger of LSJI with and into Lenfest Atlantic, Inc. ("Lenfest"). On January 18, 2000, in Docket No. CM99110855, the Certificate was transferred from Lenfest to Comcast Cablevision of South Jersey, Inc. ("Petitioner"). Although the Petitioner's Certificate expired on August 6, 2000, it is authorized to continue to provide cable service to the Township pursuant to N.J.S.A. 48:5A-25.

The Petitioner's predecessor, Lenfest, filed an application for the renewal of its municipal consent with the Township on August 27, 1999, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 48:5A-23 and N.J.A.C. 14:18-13. On December 27, 1999, after public hearing, the Township passed a resolution indicating its intention to grant municipal consent to Lenfest and setting forth its reasons. On April 5, 2001, the Township adopted a municipal ordinance granting renewal consent to the Petitioner. On April 10, 2001, the Petitioner formally accepted the terms and conditions of the ordinance, in accordance with N.J.S.A. 48:5A-24.

On May 10, 2001, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 48:5A-16, the Petitioner filed with the Board for a renewal of its Certificate of Approval for the Township. The Board has reviewed the application for municipal consent, the petition for a Renewal Certificate of Approval and the municipal consent ordinance. Based upon this review and the recommendation of the Office of Cable Television, the Board HEREBY FINDS the following:

1. The Petitioner possesses the requisite legal, character, financial and technical qualifications for the awarding of a Renewal Certificate of Approval. Further, the Township reviewed these qualifications in conjunction with the municipal consent process. See N.J.S.A. 48:5A-22 to 29 and N.J.A.C. 14:18-13.
2. The design and technical specifications of the system will ensure that the Petitioner provides safe, adequate and proper service.
3. The Petitioner has represented that all previously required construction within the franchise territory is complete.
4. The franchise period as stated in the ordinance is 15 years with an automatic renewal provision for a term of ten years thereafter pursuant to N.J.S.A. 48:5A-19 and -25. The Office of Cable Television finds these periods to be of reasonable duration.
5. The Township may review the performance of the Petitioner with regard to the ordinance at its discretion. If the Township determines that the Petitioner has failed to substantially comply with the material terms and conditions of the ordinance, the Township shall provide written notice to the Petitioner of such alleged instances of non-compliance and shall grant the Petitioner 90 days to cure such deficiency. The Township may petition the Board for appropriate administrative action, including revocation of the franchise or reduction of the franchise term, only after the 90-day opportunity to cure has passed and the deficiency has not been cured.
6. The Petitioner's rates shall be regulated and tariffs shall be filed for all services, in accordance with the rules and regulations of the Federal Communications Commission, the Board and the Office of Cable Television. The Petitioner shall maintain informational tariffs for unregulated service rates and promptly file any revisions thereto.
7. Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 48:5A-26(b), the ordinance specifies a complaint officer. In this case, it is the Office of Cable Television. All complaints shall be received and processed in accordance with N.J.A.C. 14:17-6.5.
8. The Petitioner shall maintain a local business office or agent for the purpose of receiving, investigating and resolving complaints. Currently, the office serving this provision is located at 1846 N.W. Boulevard in the City of Vineland.

9. The franchise fee to be paid to the Township is specified to be 2% of the Petitioner's gross revenues from all recurring charges in the nature of subscription fees paid by subscribers for its cable television reception service in the Township. Additional regulatory fees shall be paid to the State in an amount not to exceed 2% of Petitioner's gross operating revenues derived from intrastate operations. The Board finds these fees to be reasonable.
10. The Petitioner shall provide service along any public right-of-way to any person's residence or business at tariffed rates for standard and non-standard installation. In all other circumstances, the Petitioner shall utilize the line extension policy ("LEP") attached to the Certificate. The minimum homes per mile figure is 20. The Petitioner shall provide service to any resident at standard installation rates where the structure is within 250 feet of trunk and feeder cable lines, for both aerial and underground installations. The Petitioner shall provide a revised tariff indicating this agreement upon issuance of the attached Certificate.
11. The Petitioner shall provide public, educational and governmental ("PEG") access channels and facilities in accordance with its renewal application and the ordinance. Specifically, the Petitioner currently has one system wide community access channel for use by subscribers, organizations and entities served by the cable system.
12. Within 18 months of the date of issuance of this Certificate, the Petitioner shall provide the installation and Total Preferred cable service of one outlet, free of charge, to Mannington Township School as well as to the Township Municipal Building.
13. The Petitioner shall provide free basic Internet service, via high-speed cable modem, within six months of such service being available in the Township, to one non-networked personal computer in Mannington Township School and the Township Municipal Building.

Based upon these findings, the Board HEREBY CONCLUDES that, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 48:5A-17(a) and 28(c), the Petitioner has sufficient financial and technical capacity and meets the legal, character and other qualifications necessary to construct, maintain and operate the necessary installations, lines and equipment and is capable of providing the proposed service in a safe, adequate and proper manner.

Therefore, the Petitioner is HEREBY ISSUED this Renewal Certificate of Approval as evidence of Petitioner's authority to construct and operate a cable television system within the entirety of the Township.

This Renewal Certificate is subject to all applicable State and federal laws, the rules and regulations of the Office of Cable Television, and any such lawful terms, conditions and limitations as currently exist or may hereafter be attached to the exercise of the privileges granted herein.

The Petitioner shall adhere to the operating standards set forth by the Federal Communications Commission's rules and regulations, 47 C.F.R. Section 76.1 et seq. Any modifications to the provisions thereof shall be incorporated into this Certificate. Additionally and more specifically, the Petitioner shall adhere to the technical standards of 47 C.F.R. Part 76, Subpart K.

Failure to comply with all applicable laws, rules, regulations and orders of the Board or Office of Cable Television and/or the terms, conditions and limitations set forth herein may constitute sufficient grounds for the suspension or revocation of this Certificate.

This Renewal Certificate is issued on the representation that the statements contained in the Petitioner's applications are true, and the undertakings therein contained shall be adhered to and enforceable unless specific waiver is granted by the Office of Cable Television pursuant to the authority contained in N.J.S.A. 48:5A-1 et seq.

This Certificate shall expire on August 6, 2015.

DATED: November 20, 2001

BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES  
BY:

(signed)

CONNIE O. HUGHES  
PRESIDENT

(signed)

FREDERICK F. BUTLER  
COMMISSIONER

(signed)

CAROL J. MURPHY  
COMMISSIONER

ATTEST:

(signed)

HENRY M. OGDEN  
ACTING BOARD SECRETARY